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SUBJECT: JAPANESE REACTION TO EC MONETARY MOVES

1. PRESS STORIES, ATTRIBUTED TO INTERNATIONAL FINANCE BUREAU SOURCES, REPORT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF) HAS TAKEN A SKEPTICAL VIEW OF THE EFFICACY OF EC MONETARY STABILIZATION PLANS AGREED TO IN BREMEN OVER THE WEEKEND. MOF OFFICIALS SAID THE SCHEME, WHEN IMPLEMENTED, MAY HAVE AN UNFAVORABLE EFFECT ON THE YEN EXCHANGE RATE BECAUSE THE YEN'S VALUE WOULD BE DETERMINED LARGELY BY BILATERAL TRADE WITH THE U.S., WHERE JAPAN HAS A VERY LARGE TRADE SURPLUS.

2. THE OFFICIALS NOTED THAT THE SCHEME WOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE YEAR-END AND WOULD TAKE AT LEAST TWO
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YEARS TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON A FULL-FLEDGED BASIS. SKEPTICISM WAS EXPRESSED ABOUT WHETHER WEAK CURRENCY COUNTRIES COULD ACTUALLY PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEME. THE OFFICIALS CONJECTURED THAT THE AGREEMENT MAY BE ONLY A POLITICAL GESTURE AIMED AT DEMONSTRATING EC SOLIDARITY IN PREPARATION FOR THE SUMMIT. MANSFIELD

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